GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Indo-China Border Talks
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether China has proposed to accelerate the border talks with our country;

(b) if so, the details thereof on negotiation and resolution of territorial disputes therein; and

(c) the outcome of the recent visit of our hon'ble President to China thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) & (b) India and China have agreed to each appoint a Special Representative (SR) to explore the framework for a boundary settlement from the political perspective of the overall bilateral relationship. There have been nineteen meetings of SRs so far, last one being in Beijing on 20-21 April, 2016. The two sides agree that peace and tranquility in the border areas is the basis for the continued expansion of India-China relations. The two sides are committed to seek a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable solution to the boundary question through dialogue and peaceful negotiations.

(c) Rashtrapatiji paid a State Visit to China from 24-27 May 2016. He travelled to Guangzhou and Beijing during the visit. In Beijing, Rashtrapatiji attended the first ever India-China Roundtable of University Presidents and Vice-Chancellors. He witnessed the signing of 10 MoUs on academic collaboration and exchanges between academic institutions. He held substantive bilateral talks with President Xi Jinping and met with Premier Li Keqiang and Chairman of the National People's Congress Zhang Dejiang. Both sides viewed that relations between India and China, as two major powers, can play an important role in enhancing peace, prosperity and development in Asia. It was emphasised that it is important for both sides to show sensitivity to each other's interests, concerns and aspirations. Willingness was expressed to further strengthen bilateral ties through enhanced exchanges at various levels including at leadership level so as to build greater mutual trust and understanding.